

AS a flight attendant, who's been flying since 1969, I have witnessed the irritation level in the cabin rise dramatically when the "in-flight" phone systems were installed. Customers were competing for "voice" space in the cabin, to the irritation of many other customers. We became communication police, and there were several "verbal" altercations, lack of sleep and privacy because of phone usage. Currently, an Alaska Airline F/A, it is very trying to seek compliance, before departure, and inflight of cell phone regs. Not to mention the ability of terrorist "cells," be they domestic e.g. McVey types, or outside operatives, to relay the routine(s) of service, F/Deck vulnerabilities to OTHERS ONBOARD. This new eliminates the necessity of "congrigating," which alerts F/As of the "possibility" of an incidence, in order to communicate/coordinate/initiate a plan of action onboard or on the ground. I think this will compromise the integrity of homeland security, the aviation industry and the traveling public's safety, by offering another avenue of communication to the strata of terrorist's cache of opportunities to strike again. They will find a way and a form of weapon to be brought onboard....such as a new type of "plastic" cell phone. Yes, I taught safety, behavioral profiling, how to identify "obscure" weapon components onboard an A/C.....et al to TWA flight attendants for 10 years, as we were the hijacker's airline de jour. I implore you to BAN ALL INFLIGHT USAGE OF ANY TYPE OF CELL PHONE, BLACKBERRYS ETC.

Thank you for this consideration.

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